

public spirit of the Wilkie family in allowing the paintings to be kept together as a collection available to the public in the Alexander Turnbull Library.

### *Business archives*

Late in 1973 several groups of business records were deposited in the Library and if inquiries and promises made in the first quarter of 1974 are a true indication, business archives are likely to be one of the fastest growing sectors of acquisitions. The bulk of most business archive collections places considerable pressures on manuscripts staff for sorting, arranging, and the preparation of inventories, and creates accommodation difficulties, but the Library has a clear responsibility as the holder of the national collection of the literature relating to New Zealand to seek out and preserve such records.

On 8 November 1973 at a social function in the Wellington Chamber of Commerce's rooms, the President, Colonel H. J. G. Low, presented the non-current records of the Chamber, dating from 1856 to the period of the Second World War, to the Library. The donation consists of over 20 feet of documents, the most significant of which are a complete run of the Minute Books of the Council and the Annual Reports from 1856, the year of the foundation of the Chamber. The Chief Librarian, in thanking Colonel Low and the Council of the Chamber for their generosity, spoke of the importance of preserving as wide a range of documentary evidence as possible so that future historians would have access to a reasonably representative corpus of records. To encourage the preservation of business records the Chamber was urged to support the establishment of a New Zealand Business Archives Council.

For many years the Library has held a run of New Zealand Shipping Company passenger lists. Early in December last year a small function was held in which the Company's Deed of Incorporation (January 1873) and two oil paintings of early vessels (*Waimate* and *Ruapehu*) were handed over to the Library. Along with these were given a run of reports and balance sheets up to 1914 and a collection of photographs. Non-current records of the Company are to be added from time to time.

The Wellington Junior Chamber of Commerce have also deposited their non-current records with the Turnbull. They include minutes (1938-50) of its various boards, newsletters, clippings, and correspondence, 1960-70. Much of this material is concerned with the Jaycees community projects.

### *Diary of William Jowett*

On October 30, 1973, the Library purchased a diary kept by William Jowett from Sotheby & Company, London. Jowett, a member of the